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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

10 VESTIN REALTY MORTGAGE I, INC., et al.,)

11 Plaintiff(s),)

12 v.)

13 SL-FL NNN INDUSTRIAL PORTFOLIO I)
14 HOLDINGS, LLC, et al.,)

15 Defendant(s).)

Case No. 2:17-cv-02530-APG-NJK

ORDER

(Docket No. 24)

16 Pending before the Court is a stipulation to extend the deadlines in the scheduling order by four
17 months. Docket No. 24. The gist of the parties' position is that they have foregone their discovery
18 obligations for the last two months while attempting to negotiate a settlement. *See id.* at 4. While the Court
19 encourages settlement discussions, a decision to defer discovery while the parties attempt to settle a case
20 is not "good cause" for a later request for an extension. *See, e.g., Gerawan Farming, Inc. v. Rehrig Pac.*
21 *Co.*, 2013 WL 1164941, *4 (E.D. Cal. Mar. 20, 2013) ("as a legal matter, settlement discussions do not,
22 in of themselves, arise to good cause for modifying the scheduling order"); *Rybski v. Home Depot USA,*
23 *Inc.*, 2012 WL 5416586, *2 (D. Ariz. Oct. 17, 2012) ("settlement conferences or discussions do not
24 constitute good cause to modify a scheduling order").¹ Moreover, the length of the extension now sought
25 (four months) is an unreasonable amount of time to extend deadlines to conduct settlement discussions.

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28 ¹ Parties are similarly not empowered to stipulate to staying their discovery obligations without
obtaining Court approval when their agreement impacts the deadlines set by the Court. Fed. R. Civ. P. 29.

1 In light of the circumstances and as a one-time courtesy to the parties, the Court will extend the
2 deadlines in the scheduling order by 30 days. The stipulation is therefore **GRANTED** in part and **DENIED**
3 in part as follows:

- 4 • Amend pleadings/ add parties: February 2, 2018
- 5 • Expert disclosures: March 5, 2018
- 6 • Interim status report: March 5, 2018
- 7 • Rebuttal expert disclosures: April 3, 2018
- 8 • Discovery cutoff: May 3, 2018
- 9 • Dispositive motions: June 2, 2018
- 10 • Joint proposed pretrial order: July 2, 2018, or 30 days after decision on dispositive motions

11 IT IS SO ORDERED.

12 Dated: January 5, 2018

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15 NANCY J. KOPPE
16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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